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Attorney Docket Number	10001-30614
First Named Inventor	Duke
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Application Number	
Filing Date	12/04/2001
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

As the below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING AND UPDATING INFORMATION IN A
MULTICAST SYSTEM**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	YES	NO
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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR : A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name George Stephens

Signature *George Stephens*

Date 19 Nov. 2001

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

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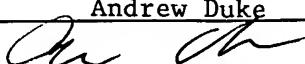
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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor, or each inventor if more than one, hereby assigns to

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its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "said assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements (hereinafter called "said invention") of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled:

A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING AND UPDATING INFORMATION IN A MULTICAST SYSTEM

executed by the undersigned on the 19 day of Nov, 2001, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the date and serial number of said application.

For said consideration, the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, to execute any divisional, continuation or substitute application for said invention or improvements, and any oath, declaration or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. The undersigned agrees to perform, upon request, any affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest in said assignee all rights therein, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said assignee, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment had not been made.

And for said consideration, the undersigned hereby assigns to said assignee the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for all foreign countries, including all priority rights under the International Convention, and agrees to execute, at the request of said assignee, all documents in connection with any application for foreign letters patent therefor.

11/19/01

(Date)

George Stephens

George Stephens

STATE OF Maryland)
COUNTY OF Anne Arundel)
ss

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared George Stephens to me personally known to be the signer, or signers, of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of said instrument as a free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed this 19 day of Nov., 2001.

Karenne Caine
Notary Public MARLENE CAINE
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires January 25, 2003

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19 Nov 2001

(Date)



Andrew Duke

STATE OF Mass.)
COUNTY OF Norfolk) ss

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Andrew Duke to me personally known to be the signer, or signers, of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of said instrument as a free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed this 19 day of November, 2001.



Notary Public

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